Financial Report

Year Ended August 31, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable James "Lynn" Bordelon, Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Village of Hessmer, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Hessmer, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2010, which collectively comprise of the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Hessmer, Louisiana, as of August 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated April 1, 2011, on our consideration of the Village of Hessmer's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The required supplementary information on pages 37 through 39 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Village of Hessmer has not presented management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Hessmer, Louisiana basic financial statements. The financial information listed as "other supplementary information" in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited" on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Marksville, Louisiana April 1, 2011 **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2010

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Demand deposits	\$ 150,524	\$ 131,231	\$ 281,755
Time deposits	14,016	161,122	175,138
Receivables, net	9,665	42,949	52,614
Internal balances	3,364	(3,364)	-
Inventory	-	23,921	23,921
Prepaid items	14,112	9,013	23,125
Total current assets	191,681	364,872	556,553
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Demand deposits	-	99,515	99,515
Time deposits	-	66,044	66,044
Accrued interest	-	421	421
Capital assets -			
Non depreciable capital assets	7,000	- ,	7,000
Depreciable capital assets, net	201,646	3,414,388	3,616,034
Total noncurrent assets	208,646	3,580,368	3,789,014
Total assets	400,327	3,945,240	4,345,567
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	2,634	41,355	43,989
Bonds payable	2,000	20,131	22,131
Accrued interest	<u> 267</u>	<u>37,391</u>	<u>37,658</u>
Total current liabilities	4,901	98,877	103,778
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customers deposits payable	-	39,212	39,212
Other liabilities	-	116,000	116,000
Bonds payable	6,000	980,573	986,573
Total noncurrent liabilities	6,000	1,135,785	1,141,785
Total liabilities	10,901	1,234,662	1,245,563
NET ASSETS		•	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	200,646	2,433,815	2,634,461
Restricted for debt service	24,666	108,458	133,124
Unrestricted	164,114	168,305	332,419
Total net assets	\$ 389,426	\$ 2,710,578	\$ 3,100,004

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Net (Expense) Revenues and

į į	Total		\$ (72,227)	(143,423)	(26,324)	(10,565)	(31,901)	(1,617)	(286,057)	(107,598)	(128,783)	(236,381)	\$ (522,438)	,	707 01	18,004	3,765	11,129	63,063	37,779		34,372		2,999	3,693	47,046	-	222,450	(299,988)	3,399,992	\$ 3,100,004
Changes in Net Assets	Business-Type Activities		ı •A	•	•		•			(107,598)	(128,783)	(236,381)	\$ (236,381)			•	•	•		•		•		•	2,673		(31,847)	(29,174)	(265,555)	2,976,133	\$ 2,710,578
Ü	Governmental Activities		\$ (72,227)	(143,423)	(26,324)	(10,565)	(31,901)	(1,617)	(286,057)	•	•	•	\$ (286,057)		, 0, 0,	18,604	3,765	11,129	63,063	37,779		34,372		2,999	1,020	47,046	31,847	251,624	(34,433)	423,859	\$ 389,426
Capital	Grants and Contribution		·	1	ı	ı	1	•		,	1		ا،					ses	Sas				fic programs -								
Operating	Grants and Contributions		، ده	1,500	11,679	٠,	2,900		16,079	45,000	'	45,000	\$ 61,079			eneral purposes	pecific purposes	Sales and use taxes, levied for general purposes	Sales and use taxes, levied for specific purposes				Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs		SZ)			and transfers			
Fees. Fines.	and Charges for Services			50,292		•	,		50,292	317,212	48,049	365,261	\$ 415,553	res:		Property taxes, levied for general purposes	Property taxes, levied for specific purposes	use taxes, levied	use taxes, levied	taxes	d permits -	Occupational licenses	contributions not 1	rces	Interest and investment earnings	sn		Total general revenues and transfers	Change in net assets	Net assets - September 1, 2009	Net assets - August 31, 2010
	Expenses	ľ	\$ 72,227	195,215	38,003	10,565	34,801	1,617	352,428	469,810	176,832	646,642	\$ 999,070	General revenues:	Taxes -	Property 1	Property (Sales and	Sales and	Franchise taxes	Licenses and permits -	Occupation	Grants and	State sources	Interest and	Miscellaneous	Transfers	Tota	Cha	Net assets - Se	Net assets - Au
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Total governmental activities

Business-type activities:

Water Sewer

Recreation Streets and sidewalks Debt Service

Governmental activities:
General government
Public safety:
Police
Fire

Total business-type activities

Total

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Sales Tax Fund

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the Village's 1% sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to the following purposes: repair and maintain public streets, repair, maintain, and operate the waterworks and sewerage system, repair and maintain drainage improvements, capital improvements, and support of the general fund.

Debt Service Fund

Sewer System Improvement Bonds 1974

To accumulate monies for payment of the 1974 \$30,000 Sewer System Improvement Bonds, which are serial bonds due in annual installments, plus interest, through 2014. Debt Service is financed by ad valorem taxes.

Enterprise Funds

Water Utility Fund

To account for the provision of water services to the residents of the Village. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, billings and collections.

Sewer Utility Fund

To account for the provision of sewer services to the residents of the Village. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, billings and collections.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds August 31, 2010

ASSETS	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals
Demand deposits	\$ 11,380	\$128,251	\$ 10,893	\$150,524
Time deposits	-	-	14,016	14,016
Receivables:				
Taxes	1,115	8,526	23	9,664
Accrued interest	- .	-	1	1
Due from other funds	3,364	-	-	3,364
Prepaid items	14,112		 .	14,112
Total assets	\$ 29,971	\$136,777	\$ 24,933	\$191,681
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,634	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 2,634
Fund balances -				
Reserved for prepaid items	14,112	-	-	14,112
Reserved for debt service	· .	-	24,933	24,933
Unreserved, undesignated	13,225	136,777		150,002
Total fund balances	27,337	_136,777	24,933	189,047
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 29,971	<u>\$136,777</u>	\$ 24,933	\$191,681

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2010

Total fund balances for governmental funds at August 31, 2010		\$189,047
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land	\$ 7,000	
Buildings and improvements, net of \$113,958 accumulated depreciation	114,597	
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures net of \$32,567 accumulated depreciation	21,588	
Infrastructure, net of \$30,991 accumulated depreciation	65,461	208,646
Long-term liabilities at August 31, 2010:		
Bonds payable	(8,000)	
Accrued interest payable	(267)	(8,267)
Total net assets of governmental activities at August 31, 2010		\$389,426

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals
Revenues: Taxes	\$ 56,383	\$ 74,192	\$ 3,765	\$134,340
Licenses and permits	34,372	φ /-4,192	Ψ 3,703	34,372
Intergovernmental	17,578	_	_	17,578
Fines and forfeits	50,292	-	-	50,292
Miscellaneous	44,807	609	100	45,516
Total revenues	203,432	74,801	3,865	282,098
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	59,764	9,372	-	69,136
Public safety:				
Police	179,799	-	-	. 179,799
Fire	38,003	-	-	38,003
Recreation	6,559	-	-	6,559
Streets and sidewalks	33,320	-	-	33,320
Debt service		<u>-</u>	<u>3,685</u>	3,685
Total expenditures	317,445	9,372	<u>3,685</u>	330,502
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(114,013)	65,429	<u> 180</u>	(48,404)
Other financing sources (uses):	•			
Transfers in	83,105	-	· -	83,105
Transfers out	(8,881)	(39,377)	(3,000)	(51,258)
Total other financing sources (uses)	74,224	(39,377)	(3,000)	31,847
Net changes in fund balances	(39,789)	26,052	(2,820)	(16,557)
Fund balances, beginning	67,126	110,725	27,753	205,604
Fund balances, ending	\$ 27,337	\$136,777	\$ 24,933	\$189,047

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Total net changes in fund balances at August 31, 2010 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (16,557)
	+ (10,001)
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Depreciation expense for the year ended August 31, 2010	(19,588)
Governmental funds report bonded debt repayments as expenditures. However, this expenditure does not appear in the statement of activities since the payment is applied against the bond payable balance on the statement of net assets.	2,000
Governmental funds do not report the donation of capital assets not held for resale. Such donations are, however a transaction that must be reported in the statement of activities.	4,050
Difference between interest on long-term debt on modified accrual basis versus interest on long-term debt on accrual basis.	68
Total changes in net assets at August 31, 2010 per Statement of Activities	\$ (34,433)

Combining Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds August 31, 2010

	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets:	`		
Demand deposits	\$ 118,475	\$ 12,756	\$ 131,231
Time deposits	151,122	10,000	161,122
Receivables:			
Accounts	36,922	5,857	42,779
Accrued interest	170	•	170
Inventory	21,554	2,367	23,921
Prepaid items	4,470	4,543	9,013
Total current assets	332,713	35,523	368,236
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets -	20.500	79.055	00.515
Demand deposits	20,560	78,955	99,515
Time deposits	37,500	28,544 132	66,044 421
Accrued interest	289	132	441
Capital assets -	2 510 712	905 675	3,414,388
Depreciable capital assets, net	2,518,713	895,675	
Total noncurrent assets	2,577,062	1,003,306	_3,580,368
Total assets	2,909,775	1,038,829	3,948,604
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:		4.00-	5.054
Accounts payable	4,042	1,232	5,274
Other payables	25,200	10,800	36,000
Sales tax payable	81	-	81
Due to other funds	3,364	-	3,364
Payable from restricted assets - Revenue bonds	10,131	10,000	20,131
	35,627	1,764	37,391
Accrued interest payable			102,241
Total current liabilities	<u>78,445</u>	23,796	102,241
Noncurrent liabilities:	22 (22	5 500	20,212
Customers' deposits	33,680	5,532	39,212
Other liabilities	81,200	34,800	116,000
Revenue bonds payable (net of bond amortization costs)	947,573	33,000	980,573
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,062,453	73,332	1,135,785
Total liabilities	1,140,898	97,128	1,238,026
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,571,140	862,675	2,433,815
Restricted for debt service	12,591	95,867	108,458
Unrestricted (deficit)	185,146	(16,841)	168,305
Total net assets	\$1,768,877	<u>\$ 941,701</u>	\$2,710,578

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total
Operating revenues:	Othry	Othity	10141
Charges for services -			
Water service charges	\$ 309,125	\$ -	\$ 309,125
Sewer service charges		48,049	48,049
Installation and other charges	8,087	-	8,087
Total operating revenues	317,212	48,049	365,261
Operating expenses:			
Salaries	36,210	20,050	56,260
Payroll taxes	2,752	1,534	4,286
Depreciation expense	118,554	69,317	187,871
Maintenance and repairs	31,174	3,540	34,714
Supplies	6,033	31	6,064
Legal & professional	7,917	300	8,217
Insurance	13,151	9,628	22,779
Fuel & oil	3,061	-	3,061
Chemicals & supplies	27,680	6,437	34,117
Utilities and telephone	16,356	11,976	28,332
Laboratory testing	1,626	5,205	6,831
Other .	20,599	1,442	22,041
Total operating expenses	285,113	129,460	414,573
Operating income (loss)	32,099	(81,411)	(49,312)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest income	1,600	1,073	2,673
State grants	45,000	-	45,000
Other expenses	(106,400)	(45,600)	(152,000)
Interest expense	(78,297)	(1,772)	(80,069)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(138,097)	(46,299)	(184,396)
Income (loss) before transfers	(105,998)	(127,710)	(233,708)
Transfers in (out):			
Transfer from General Fund	-	8,881	8,881
Transfer from Sales Tax Fund	. -	16,465	16,465
Transfer from Water Fund	-	6,705	6,705
Transfer to General	(57,193)	-	(57,193)
Transfer to Sewer Fund	(6,705)	-	(6,705)
Total transfers in (out)	(63,898)	32,051	(31,847)
Change in net assets	(169,896)	(95,659)	(265,555)
Net assets, beginning	1,938,773	1,037,360	2,976,133
Net assets, ending	\$1,768,877	\$ 941,701	\$2,710,578

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Combining Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:	Office	<u> </u>	Total
Receipts from customers	\$ 311,442	\$ 47,949	\$ 359,391
Payments to suppliers	(128,653)	(38,854)	(167,507)
Payments to employees	(38,962)	(21,584)	(60,546)
Other receipts	8,087	-	8,087
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	151,914	(12,489)	139,425
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Cash received from other funds	238	-	238
Cash paid to other funds	-	(1,776)	(1,776)
Transfers from other funds	-	32,051	32,051
Transfers to other funds	(63,898)		(63,898)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital			
financing activities	(63,660)	30,275	(33,385)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Interest and fiscal charges paid on revenue bonds	(78,440)	(2,650)	(81,090)
Principal paid on bonds	(7,738)	(10,000)	(17,738)
Proceeds from grant	45,000	-	45,000
Net increse (decrease) in meter deposits	981	(991)	(10)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	<u>(150,550</u>)	(9,265)	(159,815)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(190,747)	(22,906)	(213,653)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Net decrease in investments	(446)	(457)	(903)
Interest received on interest-bearing deposits	1,707	1,169	2,876
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,261	712	1,973
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(101,232)	(4,408)	(105,640)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	240,267	96,119	336,386
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 139,035	\$ 91,711	\$ 230,746
	•		(Continued)

Combining Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds (continued) For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net			
cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 32,099	\$ (81,411)	\$ (49,312)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to			
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	118,554	69,317	187,871
Changes in current assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	2,317	(100)	2,217
(Increase) in inventory	(1)	-	(1)
Decrease in prepaid items	1,802	1,781	3,583
Increase in accounts payable	(2,857)	(2,076)	(4,933)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 151,914	\$ (12,489)	<u>\$ 139,425</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per			
statement of cash flows to the balance sheet:		,	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -			
Demand deposits - unrestricted	\$ 201,565	\$ 12,669	\$ 214,234
Time deposits - unrestricted	150,676	10,000	160,676
Demand deposits - restricted	38,702	83,450	122,152
Time deposits - restricted	37,500	28,087	65,587
Less: Time deposits with maturity			
in excess of 90 days	(188,176)	(38,087)	(226,263)
Total cash and cash equivalents,	-		
beginning of period	240,267	96,119	336,386
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -			
Demand deposits - unrestricted	118,475	12,756	131,231
Time deposits - unrestricted	151,122	10,000	161,122
Demand deposits - restricted	20,560	78,955	99,515
Time deposits - restricted	37,500	28,544	66,044
Less: Time deposits with maturity			
in excess of 90 days	(188,622)	(38,544)	(227,166)
Total cash and cash equivalents,	· ·		
end of period	139,035	91,711	230,746
Net decrease	<u>\$ (101,232)</u>	\$ (4,408)	<u>\$ (105,640)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Village of Hessmer conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in the subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Village of Hessmer was incorporated in 1955 under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government and provides the following services: public safety (police and fire), highway and streets, sanitation, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Village executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Board of Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the Village is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the volunteer fire department, as a governmental organization, is not part of the Village and is thus excluded from the accompanying financial statements. This organization is staffed by volunteers and although the Village does provide some of its financing, no control is exercised over its operations. These financial statements include only expenditures incurred directly by the Village for fire protection and does not include operating expenditures paid with self-generated funds of the volunteer fire department.

B Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net assets and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the Village and for each function of the Village's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the Village are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on the fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Village or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the Village are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Special Revenue Fund -

Sales Tax Fund

The Special Revenue Fund accounts for the proceeds of a 1 % sales and use tax that is legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Proprietary Funds -

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The Water System Fund and the Sewer System Fund comprise the Village's Enterprise Funds.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net assets and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

b. The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net assets.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statements of net assets and statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

The proprietary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net assets, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposits of the Village.

For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand deposits and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Inventories

Purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased and are valued at cost. Inventories are adjusted at year-end. The first in first out method of inventory valuation is used.

Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables."

Long-term interfund loans (non-current portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net assets.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes. Business-type activities report customers' utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible amounts due from customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Unbilled utility service receivables resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month are recorded at year-end.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Village maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Prior to July 1, 2003, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets have been valued at estimated historical cost.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

	Gas and Water	Sewer
	System	System
Lines and other system installations	10 - 50 years	10 - 50 years
Vehicles and movable equipment	5 - 25 years	5 - 25 years
Buildings	10 - 60 years	10 - 60 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental funds upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for in the same way as in the government-wide statements.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the proprietary funds that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the revenue bond accounts and utility meter deposits.

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of the revenue bonds payable, general obligation bonds payable, and utility meter deposits payable.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Compensated Absences

After 1 year of full time employment, employees of the Village of Hessmer earn annual leave at the rate of 5 to 20 days each year, depending upon their length of service. Unused annual leave may not be carried forward from year to year until the employee has reached 20 years of full time employment.

Employees of the Village earn 5 to 25 days of sick leave each year, depending upon their length of service. Unused sick leave may be carried forward from year to year not to exceed 25 days. The current policy is silent in regards to paying unused sick leave upon termination or resignation. In the past, the Village has not paid employees for unused sick time.

No accruals for accumulated unused compensated absences have been made in these financial statements.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, non-capital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character Proprietary Funds - By Operating and Non-operating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Revenue Restrictions

The Village has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

Revenue Source	Legal Restrictions of Use
Sales tax	See Note 3
Water and sewer revenue	Debt service and utility operations

The Village uses unrestricted resources only when restricted resources are fully depleted.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Village follows the following procedures in establishing the budget:

- 1. The Mayor meets with the Council and Village Clerk to review the prior year revenue and expenditures as a basis for projecting the current fiscal year budget.
- 2. Anticipated changes from the prior year are taken into account and reflected in the projections.
- 3. Once adopted, the budget is made available for public inspection and a budget summary is published in the Village's designated official journal.
- 4. The Village does not formally integrate its budget as a management tool.
- 5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 6. Budgets are prepared for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund, and Debt Service Fund utilizing generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Aldermen. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriation.

H. Capitalization of Interest Expense

It is the policy of the Village of Hessmer to capitalize material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of capital assets. No interest was capitalized for the year ended August 31, 2010.

I. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 2 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Village in October and are actually billed to taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The Village bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Avoyelles Parish. Village property tax revenues are budgeted in the year billed.

For the year ended August 31, 2010, taxes of 8.08 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$2,768,441 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	6.74 m	ills
Debt service	<u>1.34</u> m	ills
	8.08	

Total taxes levied were \$22,369. Ad valorem taxes receivable at August 31, 2010 was \$139.

(3) Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - 1% Sales and Use Tax

The proceeds of the 1% sales tax are dedicated to the following purposes: 30% to repair and maintain public streets in the Village, 15% to repair, maintain, and operate the Village's waterworks and sewerage system, 20% to repair and maintain drainage improvements in the Village, 20% for capital improvements for the Village, and 15% to support the Village's general fund. Collections for the year ended August 31, 2010 were \$74,192, which includes a receivable of \$8,526.

(4) <u>Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits</u>

Under state law, the Village may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Village may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At August 31, 2010, the Village had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$622,452 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 381,270
Time Deposits	241,182

Total <u>\$ 622,452</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Village's deposits may not be recovered or the Village will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Deposit balances (bank balances) at August 31, 2010 were secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$ 651,374
Federal deposit insurance Pledged securities	565,665 85,709
Total FDIC insurance and pledged securities	<u>\$ 651,374</u>

As of August 31, 2010, the Village's total bank balances were fully insured and collateralized with securities held in the name of the Village by the pledging financial institution's agent and, therefore, not exposed to custodial credit risk.

(5) Receivables

Receivables at August 31, 2010 of \$52,614 consist of the following:

		Special	Debt		
	General	Revenue	Service	<u>Utility</u>	Total
Ad valorem tax	\$ 115	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ 138
Sales tax	-	8,526	-	-	8,526
Accounts -					
Utility billings	-	-	-	42,779	42,779
Other receivables	1,000	**	-	-	1,000
Interest		_	1	170	171
Totals	\$ 1,115	\$ 8,526	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 42,949</u>	\$ 52,614

(6) Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consisted of the following at August 31, 2010:

	Water System_	Sewer System	Total
Customer Deposit Fund	\$41,160	\$ 6,633	\$ 47,793
Sinking Fund	4,451	11,856	16,307
Revenue Bond Reserve Fund	4,216	42,372	46,588
Short Lived Asset Fund	4,016	_	4,016
State Sewer Grant Fund	-	28,544	28,544
Depreciation and Contingency Fund	4,217	18,094	22,311
Accrued interest	289	132	421
•	\$ 58,349	\$107,631	\$165,980

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(7) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Balance 09/01/09	Additions	Deletions	Balance 08/31/10
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated -				
Land	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Other capital assets -				
Buildings	228,555	-	-	228,555
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	84,680	4,050	34,575	54,155
Infastructure	96,452			96,452
Totals	416,687	4,050	34,575	386,162
Less accumulated depreciation -				
Buildings	110,016	3,942		113,958
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	52,392	10,344	30,169	32,567
Infastructure	25,689	5,302	-	30,991
Total accumulated depreciation	188,097	19,588	30,169	237,854
Governmental activities,				
capital assets, net	\$ 228,590	<u>\$ (15,538)</u>	<u>\$ 4,406</u>	\$ 208,646
Business-type activities:			·	
Capital assets not being depreciated -				
Construction in progress	\$ 137,542	\$ -	\$ 137,542	\$ -
Other capital assets -				
Water system	3,220,861	288,462	675	3,508,648
Sewer system	1,730,066	9,264		1,739,330
Totals	5,088,469	<u>297,726</u>	138,217	5,247,978
Less accumulated depreciation -		•	•	.*
Water system	871,686	118,555	306	989,935
Sewer system	774,339	69,316		843,655
Total accumulated depreciation	1,646,025	<u>187,871</u>	306	1,833,590
Business-type activities,				
capital assets, net	\$3,442,444	\$ 109,855	<u>\$ 137,911</u>	\$3,414,388

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 3,091
Police	11,010
Streets & sidewalks	4,006
Recreation	1,481
Total depreciation expense	\$ 19,588

Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:

Water	\$118,555
Sewer	69,316
Total depreciation expense	\$187,871

(8) Accounts and Other Payables

The accounts and other payables of \$7,989 consisted of the following at August 31, 2010:

	Governmental	Business-type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Accounts	\$ 2,634	\$ 5,355	\$ 7,989

(9) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the Village for the year ended August 31, 2010:

General Long-Term Debt - Governmental Activities

·	Balance			Balance
	09/01/09	Additions	Deletions	08/31/10
General obligation bonds	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
Public Improvements	5,000		1,000	4,000
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,000

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

<u>General Long-Term Debt – Business-type Activities</u>

•	Balance 09/01/09		Additions		Deletions		Balance 08/31/10	
Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$	53,000	\$	-	\$	10,000	\$	43,000
Water Revenue Bonds		980,000		-		8,111		971,889
Water Revenue Bond Amortization		(14,558)				(373)		(14,185)
Total	<u>\$ 1</u>	,018,442	\$		\$_	17,738	\$1	,000,704

Long-term debt payable at August 31, 2010 is comprised of the following individual issues:

		Balance 8/31/10		Due Within One Year	
General Obligation Bonds:					
\$30,000 of 1974 Sewer System Improvement serial bonds dated September 16, 1974, due in annual installments of \$1,000 through January 1, 2014; interest at 5 percent; secured by a pledge of ad valorem tax revenue.	\$	4,000	\$	1,000	
\$30,000 of 1974 Public Improvement serial bonds dated September 16, 1974, due in annual installments of \$1,000 through January 1, 2014; interest at 5 percent; secured by a pledge of ad valorem tax					
revenue.		4,000		1,000	
Total General Obligation Indebtedness	\$	8,000	\$	2,000	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

	Balance 8/31/10	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bond and Notes Payable:		
\$188,000 of 1974 Sewer Revenue serial bonds dated September 16, 1974, due in annual installments of \$8,000 to \$11,000 through January 1, 2014; interest at 5 percent; secured sewer system revenues.	43,000	10,000
\$980,000 of 2008 Water Revenue serial bonds dated October 28, 2008, due in monthly installments of \$5,824 to \$50,976 through October 28, 2048; interest at 4.38 percent; secured with water		
system revenues.	971,889	10,131
Total Revenue Bond and Notes Payables	1,014,889	20,131
\$14,931 of deferred bond issue costs incurred with the \$980,000 Water Revenue serial bonds dated October 28, 2008, and amortized		
over 40 years until the bond matures in October 28, 2048.	(14,185)	(373)
Net Revenue Bond and Notes Payables	\$1,000,704	\$ 19,758

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities General Obligation Bonds				
	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total		
2011	2,000	400	2,400		
2012	2,000	300	2,300		
2013	2,000	200	2,200		
2014	2,000	100	2,100		
	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000		

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

	Business-type Activities					
	Revenue Bonds					
Year Ending	Principal	Interest				
June 30	Payments (Net)	Payments	Total			
2011	\$ 19,758	\$ 44,469	\$ 64,227			
2012	21,210	43,516	64,726			
2013	21,683	43,044	64,727			
2014	22,176	41,450	63,626			
2015	11,692	40,385	52,077			
2016-2020	67,033	193,349	260,382			
2021-2025	83,846	176,536	260,382			
2026-2030	104,762	155,321	260,083			
2031-2035	130,782	129,601	260,383			
2036-2040	163,151	97,232	260,383			
2041-2045	203,420	57,229	260,649			
2046-2049	151,191	10,914	162,105			
•	\$1,000,704	\$1,033,046	\$2,033,750			

On October 31, 2007 the Village adopted a resolution for the issuance of a \$980,000 bond anticipation note. This bond anticipation note was issued as part of a long-term financing program where the note is issued and then ultimately refinanced with long term debt. The Village issued a Water Revenue Bond, Series 2008 on October 28, 2008 bearing interest at the rate of 4 3/8% per annum. The bond is payable over a 40 year period with the maturity date of October 28, 2048.

(10) Flow of Funds: Restrictions on Use – Sewer Revenues

The revenues of the sewer system are partially pledged to retire the sewer revenue bonds dated September 16, 1974.

The bond resolution of the 1974 Issue of Bonds requires the establishment and maintenance of the following bank accounts:

Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Sewer Reserve Fund Sewer Depreciation Fund

The Sewer Fund is to transfer to the Sewer Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund on a monthly basis, a sum not less than one-twelfth (1/12th) of the amount of the principal which will become due on the next following payment date and not less than one-sixth (1/6th) of the amount of the interest due on the next following payment date. In addition to these transfers the Sewer Fund is to transfer to the Sewer Reserve Fund five percent (5%) of the amount to be paid to the Sinking Fund until a total of \$12,650 is accumulated therein. In addition, the Sewer Fund is to transfer \$40 per month into the Sewer Depreciation Fund.

For the year ended August 31, 2010, all required transfers were adequate.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(10) Flow of Funds: Restrictions on Use - Water Revenues

The revenues of the water system are partially pledged to retire the water revenue bonds dated October 28, 2008.

The bond resolution of the 2008 Issue of Bonds requires the establishment and maintenance of the following bank accounts:

Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Water Reserve Fund Water Depreciation and Contingency Fund Short Lived Asset Fund

The Water Fund is to transfer to the Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund a sum of \$3,573 annually for the period of November 2008 through October 2009 and a sum of \$4,371 annually for the period of November 2009 through October 2048. In addition to these transfers the Water Fund is to transfer to the Water Reserve Fund on a monthly basis, a sum of \$179 per month for the period of November 2008 through October 2009, and a sum of \$219 per month for the period of November 2009 through October 2048 until \$52,450 has been accumulated into the Reserve Fund. In addition, the Water Fund is to transfer \$179 per month into the Water Depreciation and Contingency Fund for the period of November 2008 through October 2009 and a sum of \$219 per month for the period of November 2009 through October 2048 until \$52,450 has been accumulated into the Contingency Fund. In addition, upon completion and acceptance of the waterworks improvements, the Water Fund is to transfer to the Short Lived Asset Fund a sum of \$200 per month on the 20th day of each month until a sum of \$49,000 has been accumulated into the Short Lived Asset Fund.

For the year ended August 31, 2010, all required transfers were adequate.

(11) Retirement Commitments

As of August 31, 2010 all employees of the Village were members of the Social Security System. Social Security paid during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 was \$16,665 on qualified payroll of \$222,180.

(12) Encumbrances

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. There were no encumbrances outstanding at year-end.

(13) <u>Litigation and Claims</u>

At August 31, 2010, the Village is involved in one lawsuit claiming damages. This claim seeks monetary damages in a significant amount, estimated at \$108,000 plus interest. The Village plans to settle this claim by providing utility services for three years. However, the Village has not and does not plan to appropriate any funds to satisfy interest portion of the claim. As of April 1, 2011 the Village is in the process of coming to a final settlement agreement.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(14) Segment Information for the Enterprise Fund

The Village of Hessmer maintains two enterprise funds which provide water and sewerage services. Segment information for the year ended August 31, 2010, was as follows:

	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total Enterprise Funds	
Operating revenues	\$ 317,212	\$ 48,049	\$ 365,261	
Operating expenses:				
Depreciation	118,554	69,317	1 87,8 71	
Other	166,559	60,143	226,702	
Total operating expenses	285,113	129,460	414,573	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 32,099	<u>\$ (81,411)</u>	\$ (49,312)	

(15) Compensation Paid Board Members

The Village paid the Mayor the following salary and the aldermen the following per diem:

Elected Official	Office	Term	Amo	ount Paid	Term Expiration
Lynn Bordelon	Mayor	4 years	\$	6,000	December 31, 2012
Robert P. Roy	Alderman	4 years		600	December 31, 2012
Susan Jeansonne	Alderman	4 years		600	December 31, 2012
Scott Kelly	Alderman	4 years		600	December 31, 2012
		•	\$	7,800	

(16) Risk Management

The Village is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of health care, general and auto liability, property hazards and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There were no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(17) Interfund Transactions

A. Receivables/payables

Interfund receivable/payable balances consisted of the following at August 31, 2010:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables	
General Fund	\$ 3,364	\$ -	
Enterprise funds -			
Water Utility Fund		3,364	
Total	\$ 3,364	\$ 3,364	

B. Transfers

Transfers consisted of the following at August 31, 2010:

•	Transfers In	Transfers Out	
General Fund	\$ 83,105	\$ 8,881	
Sales Tax Fund	-	39,377	
Debt Service Fund	-	3,000	
Enterprise funds:	•		
Water Utility Fund	9,512	73,410	
Sewer Utility Fund	32,051		
Total	\$ 124,668	\$ 124,668	

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

(18) Subsequent Events Review

The Village has evaluated subsequent events through April 1, 2011, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

(19) New Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards board (GASB) issued Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." The Village is required to implement this standard for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011. The Village has not yet determined the full impact that the adoption of GASB Statement 54 will have on the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

				Variance with Final Budget
	Bud			Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 54,700	\$ 57,100	\$ 56,383	\$ (717)
Licenses and permits	33,000	34,400	34,372	(28)
Intergovernmental	19,100	17,900	17,578	(322)
Fines and forfeits	60,000	50,600	50,292	(308)
Miscellaneous	45,800	45,050	44,807	(243)
Total revenues	212,600	205,050	203,432	(1,618)
Expenditures:				
General government:	50,025	60,250	59,764	486
Public safety:				
Police	138,725	179,075	179,799	(724)
Fire	38,000	38,000	38,003	(3)
Recreation	7,200	6,500	6,559	(59)
Streets and sidewalks	34,725	<u>37,300</u>	33,320	3,980
Total expenditures	268,675	321,125	317,445	<u>3,680</u>
Deficiency of revenues		<u>.</u>		
over expenditures	(56,075)	(116,075)	(114,013)	2,062
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from -				45.50
Sales tax fund	8,400	13,700	13,400	(300)
Debt service fund	-	3,000	3,000	-
Water utility fund Transfers to -	48,000	66,705	66,705	-
Sewer utility fund		(8,881)	(8,881)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	56,400	<u>74,524</u>	74,224	(300)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
financing sources over expenditures	325	(41,551)	(39,789)	1,762
Fund balance, beginning	67,126	67,126	67,126	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 67,451	\$ 25,575	\$ 27,337	\$ 1,762

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Special Revenue Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

,				Variance with Final Budget
	Buc	dget		Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 75,500	\$ 70,700	\$ 74,192	\$ 3,492
Miscellaneous - interest	1,200	650	609	(41)
Total revenues	76,700	71,350	74,801	3,451
Expenditures:				
General government	38,350	12,048	9,372	2,676
Excess of revenues over				
expenditures	38,350	59,302	65,429	6,127
Other financing uses:	·			
Transfers out		(32,477)	(39,377)	(6,900)
Excess of revenues over expenditures				
and other financing uses	38,350	26,825	26,052	(773)
Fund balances, beginning	_110,725	110,725	110,725	
Fund balances, ending	\$149,075	\$137,550	\$136,777	<u>\$ (773)</u>

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Debt Service Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

		'		Variance with Final Budget	
	Budget			Positive	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	
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Revenues:	_		2		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,749	\$ 3,765	\$ 16	
Miscellaneous - interest	100	50	100	50	
Total revenues	8,100	3,799	3,865	66	
Expenditures:					
Debt service -					
Principal retirement	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
Interest and fiscal charges	500	500	500	-	
Legal and professional	500	500	500	-	
Office Supplies & bank charges	-	225	228	(3)	
Assessor's charge and postage	450	450	457	<u> </u>	
Total expenditures	3,450	3,675	3,685	(10)	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	4,650	124	180	56	
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out		(3,000)	(3,000)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other					
financing uses over expenditures	4,650	(2,876)	(2,820)	56	
Fund balance, beginning	27,753	27,753	27,753		
Fund balance, ending	\$ 32,403	\$ 24,877	\$ 24,933	\$ 56	

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	_			Variance with Final Budget
		dget		Positive
·	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 13,300	\$ 18,100	\$ 18,604	504
Franchise -				
Electric	30,500	25,300	25,286	(14)
Gas	5,200	4,200	4,209	9
Cable TV	5,700	9,500	8,284	(1,216)
Total taxes	54,700	57,100	56,383	(717)
Licenses and permits:				
Occupational licenses	33,000	34,400	34,372	(28)
Intergovernmental:				
State of Louisiana -				
Department of Revenue and Taxation:				
Beer taxes	2,900	3,000	2,999	(1)
2% Fire insurance rebate	12,100	10,900	10,869	(31)
Avoyelles Parish Police Jury				
Rural fire	1,200	1,100	810	(290)
Department of Transportation:				
Grass cutting	2,900	2,900	2,900	
Total intergovernmental	19,100	17,900	17,578	(322)
Fines and forfeits:				•
Fines and court costs	60,000	50,600	50,292	(308)
Miscellaneous:				
Interest	600	500	311	(189)
Casino funds	35,000	32,300	32,287	(13)
Rental	9,700	9,700	9,720	20
Grant	-	1,500	1,500	-
Other sources	500	1,050	989	(61)
Total miscellaneous	45,800	45,050	44,807	(243)
Total revenues	\$212,600	\$205,050	\$203,432	\$ (1,618)

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

	Duy	dget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
General government:	Original	1 11141	Actual	(14cgative)
Administration:				
Salaries	\$ 24,725	\$ 26,000	\$ 25,962	\$ 38
Per diem - Aldermen	1,800	1,800	1,800	-
Payroll taxes	1,900	2,000	1,251	749
Insurance	350	5,300	3,733	1,567
Printing	1,750	1,525	1,504	21
Office supplies and expenses	1,800	2,350	2,172	178
Dues & subscriptions	700	625	634	(9)
Legal and professional fees	10,000	12,900	12,910	(10)
Repairs & maintenance	50	200	327	(127)
Clerk's expenses	300	300	300	(121)
Coroner Fees	100	100	100	_
Travel & convention	2,500	2,500	4,569	(2,069)
Utilities & telephone	3,900	4,550	4,502	48
Miscellaneous	150	100	-	100
Total general government	50,025	60,250	59,764	486
Total general government		00,230	39,704	480
Public safety -	•			
Police:				
Salaries	83,400	115,300	116,818	(1,518)
Payroll taxes	6,375	8,700	9,459	(759)
Uniforms	1,250	500	482	18
Fuel & oil	12,500	13,500	13,556	(56)
Repairs & maintenance	3,300	4,000	3,679	321
Dues & subscriptions	350	100	100	•
Insurance	14,000	16,800	15,557	1,243
Supplies	2,400	2,200	2,026	174
Utilities & Telephone	7,000	6,950	7,049	(99)
Legal and professional fees	-	600	600	-
Court costs	5,300	7,000	8,472	(1,472)
Prisoner expense	600	875	1,014	(139)
Miscellaneous	2,250	2,550	987	1,563
Total police	138,725	179,075	179,799	(724)
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (continued) For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

				Variance with Final Budget
		iget	,	Positive
	<u>Original</u>	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Fire:				
Salaries	12,000	15,000	14,740	260
Payroll taxes	1,000	1,475	1,395	80
Insurance	10,000	10,000	9,245	755
Supplies	3,000	2,300	2,944	(644)
Fuel & oil	3,500	2,850	3,485	(63 <i>5</i>)
Repairs & maintenance	2,500	2,700	2,487	213
Utilities & telephone	4,500	2,600	2,724	(124)
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,075	983	92
Total fire	38,000	38,000	38,003	(3)
Recreation -				
Youth / civic programs	6,700	6,000	6,069	(69)
Adopt-A-Flag program	500	500	490	10
Total recreation	7,200	6,500	6,559	(59)
Streets and sidewalks -				
Salaries	8,300	8,300	. 8,400	(100)
Payroll taxes	650	650	-	650
Repairs & maintenance	400	200	227	(27)
Fuel & oil	50	500	405	95
Supplies	2,000	2,075	1,985	90
Street lights and power	18,100	14,850	14,827	23
Insurance	50	4,050	927	3,123
Legal & professional	-	750	765	(15)
Animal control	5,000	5,500	5,400	100
Utilities	125	175	184	(9)
Miscellaneous	50	250	200	50
Total streets and sidewalks	34,725	37,300	33,320	3,980
Total expenditures	\$268,675	\$321,125	\$317,445	\$ 3,680

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers (Unaudited) August 31, 2010 and 2009

Records maintained by the Village indicated the following number of customers were being serviced during the month of August, 2010 and 2009:

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56
971 1,027
26
255 281
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Schedule of Insurance In Force (Unaudited) August 31, 2010

Description of Coverage	Asset Covered	Ins. Co.	Policy <u>Number</u>	Expiration <u>Date</u>
Workmen's compensation	Employees	Risk Management	WC-0105	1/1/11
Fire	Water Plant Community Center City Hall	St. Paul St. Paul St. Paul	GP0931241 GP0931241 GP0931241	5/1/11 5/1/11 5/1/11
General Liability	N/A	St. Paul	GP-0931241	5/1/11
Physical Damage	Vehicles	St. Paul	GP-0931241	5/1/11
Blanket Bond	Clerk	Ohio Casualty	3-419-983	11/17/10
Blanket Bond	Mayor	Ohio Casualty	3-425-531	12/16/10
Blanket Bond	Chief of Police	Ohio Casualty	3-425-530	12/14/10
General Liability	Fire Department	Special Risk	CL0023935 ·	5/1/11

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Comparative Departmental Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Years Ended August 31, 2010 and 2009

	Totals	als	We	Water	Sewer	er
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Operating revenues:						
Water sales	309,125	307,675	309,125	307,675	,	ı
Sewerage sales	48,049	48,359		ı	48,049	48,359
Installation and other charges	8,087	8,381	8,087	8,381	1	1
Total operating revenues	365,261	364,415	317,212	316,056	48,049	48,359
Operating expenses:						
Salaries and labor	56,260	58,643	36,210	35,888	20,050	22,755
Payroll taxes	4,286	3,712	2,752	2,738	1,534	974
Depreciation	187,871	149,232	118,554	81,722	69,317	67,510
Maintenance and repairs	34,714	30,968	31,174	25,146	3,540	5,822
Office supplies	6,064	4,927	6,033	4,806	31	121
Legal & professional	8,217	7,612	7,917	5,850	300	1,762
Insurance	22,779	19,945	13,151	7,542	9,628	12,403
Fuel & oil	3,061	3,484	3,061	3,484	•	1
Chemicals & supplies	34,117	40,680	27,680	35,142	6,437	5,538
Utilities and telephone	28,332	29,579	16,356	18,471	11,976	11,108
Laboratory testing	6,831	4,758	1,626	720	5,205	4,038
Other	22,041	25,854	20,599	23,447	1,442	2,407
Total operating expenses	414,573	379,394	285,113	244,956	129,460	134,438
Net operating income (loss)	\$ (49,312)	\$ (14,979)	\$ 32,099	\$ 71,100	\$ (81,411)	\$ (86,079)

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Accounts Receivable Aging (Unaudited)
August 31, 2010

Records maintained by the Village indicated accounts receivables aging as follows:

Department	<u>20</u> 10
Water and Sewerage:	
Current	24,091
30 to 60 days	10,019
61 to 90 days	3,671
Over 90 days	<u>4,998</u>
Total	42,779

VILLAGE OF HESSMER, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Utility Fund

Utility Rate Schedule (Unaudited) August 31, 2010

Records maintained by the Village indicated utility rates as follows:

Water and Sewerage Department	Rate per Gallon	Flat Rate	Minimum Charge
Water in town - residential	\$1.95 per thousand gallons after 2,000 gallons		\$11.50 up to 2,000 gallons
Water out of town - residential	\$1.95 per thousand gallons after 2,000 gallons		\$17.50 up to 2,000 gallons
Water in town - commercial	\$3.80 per gallon		\$11.50 up to 2,000 gallons
Water out of town - commercial	\$3.80 per gallon		\$17.50 up to 2,000 gallons
Nursing home sprinkler	\$3.80 per gallon	\$ 13.40	
Fwin Oaks mobile home	\$3.80 per gallon	\$ 47.50	
Voinche Trailer Park	\$3.80 per gallon	\$ 30.00	
Sewer residential	,	\$ 11.50	
Sewer commercial	1	\$ 18.50	

COMPLIANCE, INTERNAL CONTROL

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable James "Lynn" Bordelon, Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Village of Hessmer, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Hessmer, Louisiana (the Village) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the Village of Hessmer, Louisiana's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 1, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management of employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the control deficiencies described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan as items 02-01(IC) and 07-01(IC) to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that was required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards which is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan as item 10-01(C).

The Village's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and corrective action plan. We do not audit the Village's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Village's management and Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. Also, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Hessmer, Louisiana April 1, 2011

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan Year Ended August 31, 2010

07-01(IC)	Internal Control: 02-01(1C) (There were	Compliance	PRIOR YEAR (8/31/09)	07-01(1C)	02-01(IC)	Internal Control:	<u>Compliance</u> 10-01(C)	Ref. No.
2007	<u>ol:</u> Unknown	no instances		R (8/31/09)	2007	Unknown	<u>[o]</u>	8/31/2010	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Ref. No. Occurred CURRENT YEAR (8/31/10)
The Village does not have a staff person who has the ability to independently prepare financial statements and related footnote disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).	Due to the small number of administrative personnel, the Village did not have adequate segregation of accounting	There were no instances of compliance that were required to be reported.			The Village does not have a staff person who has the ability to independently prepare financial statements and related footnote disciosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).	Due to the small number of administrative personnel, the Village did not have adequate segregation of accounting functions.		Failure to submit financial statements in accordance with Louisiana RS 24:516. The Village's annual financial statements must be filed with the Louisianan Legislative Auditor within six months of fiscal year end. Due to the waiting on a response from the Village's Attorney concerning pending litigation, the audit could not be completed within the six month time frame.	Description of finding
7	7							•	Corrective Action Taken
					The Village has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.	We agree that a complete segregation of accounting functions would strengthen the controls, but with limited current financial resources, we are not able to hire additional personnel at this time.		Reports will be submited to the Lousisiana Legislative Auditor in accordance with time requirements in future years.	Corrective Action Planned
					Mayor James Lynn Bordelon	Mayor James Lynn Bordelon		Mayor James Lynn Bordelon	Name of Contact Person
					N/A	N/A		8/31/2011	Anticipated Completion Date